

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An image processing apparatus comprising:  
designating means for designating an image taking  
condition relating to image taking;  
5 image taking means for taking an image under the  
image taking condition designated by said designation  
means;  
storage means for storing the image taken by said  
image taking means as an already taken image;  
10 discrimination means adapted, in case the image  
taking condition is designated by said designation  
means, to discriminate whether an already taken image  
taken under the same image taking condition is present  
in said storage means; and  
15 output control means adapted, in case said  
discrimination means identifies that the already taken  
image of the same image taking condition is present, to  
output an image taken later as a re-taken image.
  - 20 2. An image processing apparatus according to  
claim 1, further comprising storage control means for  
storing the taken images of a same image taking  
condition with a same attribute information.
  - 25 3. An image processing apparatus according to  
claim 2, wherein said output control means is adapted,  
in outputting the images of a same attribute

information, to attach identification information to the already taken image.

4. An image processing apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising selection means for selecting an arbitrary image;

wherein, in case a taken image bearing the identification information is selected by said selection means, the identification information attached to said selected taken image is erased, and, in case a taken image not bearing the identification information is selected by said selection means, said selected taken image is outputted with the identification information.

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5. An image processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein, in case of external transfer of the taken image, a taken image not bearing said identification information is externally transferred.

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6. An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, in case of external transfer of the taken image, taken images of a same attribute information are collectively transferred.

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7. An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image taking condition includes

at least one of the name of an inspected person, image taking body part, image taking direction and image taking condition.

- 5        8. An image processing apparatus comprising:  
image taking means for taking an image;  
output means for outputting an already taken  
image, taken by said image taking means;  
selection means for selecting an arbitrary image  
10      from the already taken images outputted to said output  
means;  
re-taking instruction means for instructing re-  
taking of an image; and  
output control means adapted, in case the image  
15      re-taking is instructed by said re-taking instruction  
means, to output an already taken image selected by  
said selection means and a re-taken image which is  
instructed by said image re-taking instruction means,  
in mutually identifiable manner.

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9. An image processing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising image re-taking means for executing image re-taking according to the instruction of said re-taking instruction means.

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10. An image processing apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising attachment means for

attaching, to said re-taken image, attribute information same as that of the already taken image selected by said selection means.

5           11. An image processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said output control means is adapted, in outputting an image to which the same attribute is attached by said attachment means, to output the already taken image with identification information,  
10           and, in case an already taken image is selected by said selection means, the identification information attached to said selected already taken image is erased, while, in case a re-taken image is selected by said selection means, said re-taken image is outputted  
15           with the identification information attached thereto.

          12. An image processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein, in case of external transfer of the taken image, an image not bearing said identification  
20           information is externally transferred.

          13. An image processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein, in case of external transfer of the taken image, images bearing same attribute information  
25           are collectively transferred.

14. An image processing method comprising:

a designation step of designating an image taking condition relating to image taking;

an image taking step of taking an image under the image taking condition designated by said designation  
5 step;

a storage step of storing the image taken by said image taking step as an already taken image;

a discrimination step adapted, in case the image taking condition is designated by said designation  
10 step, to discriminate whether an already taken image taken under the same image taking condition is present in said storage step; and

an output control step adapted, in case said discrimination step identifies that the already taken  
15 image of the same image taking condition is present, to output an image taken later as a re-taken image.

15. An image processing method according to claim 14, further comprising a storage control step of  
20 storing the taken images of a same image taking condition with a same attribute information.

16. An image processing method according to claim 15, wherein said output control step is adapted, in  
25 outputting the images of a same attribute information, to attach identification information to the already taken image.

17. An image processing method according to claim 16, further comprising a selection step of selecting an arbitrary image;

5 wherein, in case a taken image bearing the identification information is selected by said selection step, the identification information attached to said selected taken image is erased, and, in case a taken image not bearing the identification information is selected by said selection step, said selected taken  
10 image is outputted with the identification information.

18. An image processing method according to claim 17, wherein, in case of external transfer of the taken image, a taken image not bearing said identification  
15 information is externally transferred.

19. An image processing method according to claim 15, wherein, in case of external transfer of the taken image, taken images of a same attribute information are  
20 collectively transferred.

20. An image processing method according to claim 14, wherein said image taking condition includes at least one of the name of an inspected person, image  
25 taking body part, image taking direction and image taking condition.

21. An image processing method comprising:

an image taking step of taking an image.

an output step of outputting an already taken image, taken by said image taking step;

5 a selection step of selecting an arbitrary image from the already taken images outputted by said output step;

a re-taking instruction step of instructing re-taking of an image; and

10 an output control step adapted, in case the image re-taking is instructed by said re-taking instruction step, to output an already taken image selected by said selection step and a re-taken image which is instructed by said image re-taking instruction step, in mutually  
15 identifiable manner.

22. An image processing method according to claim 21, further comprising an image re-taking step of  
20 executing image re-taking according to the instruction of said re-taking instruction step.

23. An image processing method according to claim 21, further comprising an attachment step of attaching,  
25 to said re-taken image, attribute information same as that of the already taken image selected by said selection step.

24. An image processing method according to claim 23, wherein said output control step is adapted, in outputting an image to which the same attribute is attached by said attachment step, to output the already  
5 taken image with identification information, and, in case an already taken image is selected by said selection step, the identification information attached to said selected already taken image is erased, while in case a re-taken image is selected by said selection  
10 step, said re-taken image is outputted with the identification information attached thereto.

25. An image processing method according to claim 22, wherein, in case of external transfer of the taken  
15 image, an image not bearing said identification information is externally transferred.

26. An image processing method according to claim 23, wherein, in case of external transfer of the taken  
20 image, images bearing same attribute information are collectively transferred.

27. A storage medium storing program codes comprising:  
25 a designation step of designating an image taking condition relating to image taking;  
an image taking step of taking an image under the



image taking condition designated by said designation step;

a storage step of storing the image taken by said image taking step as an already taken image;

5 a discrimination step adapted, in case the image taking condition is designated by said designation step, to discriminate whether an already taken image taken under the same image taking condition is present in said storage step; and

10 an output control step adapted, in case said discrimination step identifies that the already taken image of the same image taking condition is present, to output an image taken later as a re-taken image.

15 28. A storage medium storing program codes comprising:

an image taking step of taking an image;

an output step of outputting an already taken image, taken by said image taking step;

20 a selection step of selecting an arbitrary image from the already taken images outputted by said output step;

a re-taking instruction step of instructing re-taking of an image; and

25 an output control step adapted, in case the image re-taking is instructed by said re-taking instruction step, to output an already taken image selected by said

selection step and a re-taken image which is instructed  
by said image re-taking instruction step, in mutually  
identifiable manner.

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